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employed in the plurality of areas, the area code being used to recognize such an area to which each of the terminals belongs, and digital programs of not-yet-provided services in the respective areas being indicated every area in the program data, and each of the terminals identifies the area code with the program data so as to exclude a picture signal of a digital program of a not-yet-provided service in such an area to which the terminal belongs, from the picture signals of the digital programs transmitted from the digital head end.

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

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Further, according to the invention, there is provided a CATV conditional access method comprising the steps of: providing a digital head end for transmitting picture signals of digital programs to terminals provided in a plurality of areas; transmitting both an area code for every area and program data to the terminals employed in the plurality of areas, the area code being used to recognize such an area to which each of the terminals belongs, and digital programs of not-yet-provided services in the respective areas being indicated every area in the program data; and identifying the area code with the program data so as to exclude a picture signal of a digital program of a not-yet-provided service in such an area to which the terminal belongs, from the picture signals of the digital programs transmitted from the digital head end.

On page 7, please delete the third full paragraph and replace it with the following new paragraph:

This EMM data contains an area code "a" indicative of each of related (belonging) areas.

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Each of the terminals may recognize their own related area by storing this area code "a".